













SHARP RETORT.—Two smart fellows, riding after a nag, observed a farmer sowing seed, and one of them accosted him thus: "Well, honest fellow, is your business to sow, but we may reap the fruit of your labor?"

"'Tis very likely you may," replied the farmer, "for I am sowing hemp."

ANOTHER SIGN.—"Mother, the end of the world is coming."

"What makes you think so, child?"

"Cos' the trowsers that you said 'ad never wear out has got a tearin' big hole in 'em."

MAKING UP LOSSES.—"John," said a country trader to his clerk, "did you say that was a counterfeit dollar which you took from that stranger?" "Yes, sir, and he mizzled two hours ago." Well, John, you know what to do—sand the sugar again, and throw another paifull of water into the old cognac.

"Adieu, dear Cuba!" were the words of a young smoker, as he parted with that which remained of a three cent "Havana."

The most attentive man to business we ever knew, was he who once wrote on his shop door:

"Gone to bury my wife; will return in half an hour."

Winchell says the people in Alabama are so hard run for eggs that they have to set their turkeys on Carolina potatoes.

"I speak as I feel," said Paul Clifford; "were the woman I loved suffering through poverty, I would beg for her if I could not relieve her; through injustice, I would defend her; from unkindness, I would protect her; and if the world forsook her, I would be the world to her."

It was a pertinent and forcible saying of the Emperor Napoleon, that "a handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart. The one is a jewel and the other a treasure."

Courting is an irregular active transitive verb, indicative mood, present tense, third person, singular number, and agrees with—it agrees with all the girls in town, don't it!

When Mullyone was cast away, he made his mouth so watery by just thinking of girls and strawberries, that he was enabled to do without drinking for two months.

The modest young lady who refused to go into a rifle manufactory because some of the guns had no breeches, is spending a few days at Nahant.

"Come rest in this bosom," as the turkey said to the stuffing.

A person being asked why he had given his daughter in marriage to a man with whom he was at enmity, answered, "I did it out of pure revenge."

Did you ever see Niagara Falls? said a lady passenger to her friend. No! I never met them but have heard them highly spoken of!

Mirth should be the embroidery of the conversation, not the web; and with the ornament of the mind, not the furniture.

There are three things in the world that knows no kind of restraint and are governed by no laws, but merely by passion and brutality. Civil wars, family quarrels, and religious disputes.

Nothing sits so gracefully upon children, and makes them so lovely, as habitual respect and dutiful deportment towards their parents and their superiors.

A Yankee, who went over to the mother country some time ago, and who was asked, on coming back, how he liked Great Britain? "Well," he said England is a very nice country, exceedingly fertile, well cultivated, very populous, and very wealthy, but," said the Yankee, "I never liked to take a morning walk after breakfast, because the country is so small that I was always afraid of walking off the edge."

A brave soldier was in the habit of drinking too much. His Colonel remonstrated with him, "Tom," said, he, "you are a bold fellow, and a good soldier, but you will get drunk." "Colonel," replied Tom, "how can you expect all the virtues of the human kind combined for seven dollars per month?"

"Mr. Smith, the hogs are getting in your cornfield." "Never mind, Billy, I'm sleepy, corn won't hurt 'em."

A melon cholic man was he who passed last night in pain and tribulation in consequence of eating a whole water melon at dinner.

What is the most difficult thing in the world? To find out the most difficult.

"Terrible pressure in the money market," as the mouse said when the keg of specie rolled over him.

It is stated that words hurt nobody; nevertheless Sampson *jawed* a thousand Philistines to death.

"Which travels the fastest, heat or cold?"

"Heat, you dunce! can't any one catch cold?"

Wanted by a Dutch gardener, journeyman to head a cabbage.

Why is a hen walking, like a conspiracy? Because it is a fowl proceeding.

Mrs. Jenkins requests the pleasure of Captain Brown's company to small party on Friday evening next.

21 Spriggings Place, Monday."

"Captain Brown presents his compliments to Mrs. Jenkins, and regrets that thirteen privates will be detained *habes corpus* writs, and two sergeants on the sick list; the rest of Captain Brown's company will have much pleasure in waiting on Mrs. Jenkins on

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